



# Sierra Pacific Industries

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David Brillenz  
District Ranger  
Feather River Ranger District  
875 Mitchell Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95965

RE: French Creek 1 Project

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of Sierra Pacific Industries – Lincoln Division regarding the proposed French Creek 1 Hazardous Fuels Reduction project as outlined in the 9/11/19 Scoping Letter. Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) operates forest products manufacturing facilities in Oroville, Lincoln, Quincy, and Anderson. These sawmills are an important part of the local economy and provide family wage jobs for their employees. The forest products that are developed from projects like this one from the National Forests lands contribute a significant amount to our raw material needs and the public's need in general for wood products.

SPI attended the Collaborative field tour of the French Creek project area on May 9 and have been active participants with the FRRD IDT and the collaborative process on the district. We support the project proposal and the proposed actions for the Project as outlined in the 9/11 letter.

We would like to see the District recognize in the Purpose and Need of projects like French Creek the importance of timber products from Matrix lands such as these. We understand that every treatment proposed on this project will likely be designed to meet numerous objectives, but why can't one of those objectives, particularly on lands designated as Matrix, be the provision of timber products. Supporting local industry and providing useful raw materials to maintain a robust manufacturing sector should be a principal objective to any project proposed on Forest Service lands. Restoration treatments that are desired on these public lands cannot be implemented without a healthy forest products industry in place, both to complete the necessary work and to provide payments for the wood products generated to permit the service work to be completed.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,  
Ken Wilde  
Sierra Pacific Industries  
Lincoln Division